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11. (U) Charge d'Affaires briefly delivered reftel demarche to Minister of Foreign Affairs Ojo Maduekwe at the conclusion of a previously scheduled meeting on August 8. Charge noted approvingly President Yar'Adua's public denouncement on August 6, which stated "Nigeria would not recognize any change of government through unconstitutional means."

Maduekwe acknowledged receipt of the demarche. Post will report on any additional public statements made by President Yar'Adua or other senior GON officials regarding the situation in Mauritania.

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